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## SUCCESS STORY

# Youth Can Prevent Road Accidents

**USAID raises awareness of road traffic safety among youth in Turkmenistan**

Subi Ibragimova and Timur Saidov believe that raising youth awareness of road traffic safety is one of the most effective ways of preventing traffic accidents. According to these two young Turkmen, the importance of road traffic safety is often overlooked in Turkmenistan, despite a high level of traffic fatalities in the country.



Photo: Community Connections Program

***USAID alumni trained 96 young people to provide first aid and to observe traffic rules in their town. Now, these young people will facilitate seminars for other youth in the region.***

Subi and Timur are representatives of a community-based organization Keik Okara that works with young people from low-income families. This summer, they went on a study tour in Reno, Nevada, sponsored by the USAID Community Connections program.

After returning home, Sibur and Timur developed training on road traffic safety and ran a series of seminars for 15-19 years old youth in Ashgabat, the capital city of Turkmenistan. The seminars were aimed at raising awareness of the importance of road traffic safety and the prevention of traffic accidents in Turkmenistan.

Each training consisted of two parts, "Responsible Behavior on the Roads" and "First Aid Provision." The first part of the training taught young people to drive responsibly. The second part of the training provided practical instructions in administering basic first aid.

At the trainings, young people learn how to be a responsible driver or a pedestrian, how to provide first aid to victims of traffic accidents, and what the consequences of drunk driving might be. They also studied traffic rules, and Turkmen laws regarding traffic accidents.

Now Sibur and Timur are planning a series of follow-up activities. They envision that seminars on road traffic safety will be facilitated by the young people that participated in the previously held seminars.